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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Pia SCHEU et al.  
Serial No. : 09/786,011  
For : **OLIGONUCLEOTIDES, METHOD AND KIT FOR  
DETECTING LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES BY  
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION AND/OR  
NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDIZATION**  
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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed on January 22, 2004, setting a three-month term for reply. It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and the application be reconsidered in light of the

following remarks. As this response is being filed within the three-month period set for reply expiring on April 22, 2004, no fee is believed to be due. However, in the event that any unforeseen fees are incurred, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefore, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.